

MINUTES OF THE WHITE COUNTY BOARD

MARCH 9, 2004

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi this 9th day of March, 2004 A.D.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Trout and Wooten all present.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any changes, additions, or deletions. Mr. Trout made a motion that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived and the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as proposed in writing. Mr. Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to approve the payment of all current bills. Mr. Ray made a motion to approve the payment of all current bills, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Jack Bosaw, County Engineer stated the state engineers would be back at the end of the week or beginning of next week to profile the Bel-Air road. Mr. Bosaw stated that a geologist and a physiologist met with him at the highway department and stated that there had been two slight tremors in the area during the damage to the road. Mr. Bosaw stated that nothing could be done to the roadway until the ground stopped shifting and settling. Mr. Ray asked if the roadway would have to be filled back in or just resurfaced. Mr. Bosaw replied that he would not now until the state engineers did the profile, but hopefully only 800 to 1,000 feet of the roadway will have to be resurfaced.

Mr. Roger Heckler, Director of the White County Ambulance Service stated that the Annual Pork Chop Dinner tickets are available for sale and if anyone wants to purchase a ticket to see him or an EMT.

Mr. Doug Maier, White County Sheriff, stated that the jail expenditures for the month of February were \$69,974.62 and the income was \$29,959.00. He stated that the jail population was 63 with 22 Federal prisoners being housed. Sheriff Maier stated that 21 drug-related arrests were made in February and 4 active meth labs were cleaned up. Sheriff Maier stated that his department was still heavily involved in the war against drugs, as his department's statistics will prove.

Mr. Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 Board meeting would be held on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse.

Chairman Wooten stated that the budget committee had met at 6:00 p.m. and that the Treasurer's Report reflected that all county offices were watching their spending closely, but once again the income is just not coming in. Mr. Wooten stated that the income figure for the first three months of the budget has a shortfall of \$396,000.00 in which the State owes White County approximately \$213,000.00 in income tax, sales tax and salary reimbursements. Mr. Wooten stated that there seems to be no relief in sight and the Budget Committee along with the full Board will have to watch the situation on a month by month basis. The only control the County Board has is budget cuts, which could mean layoff of county employees.

Chairman Wooten stated that Mrs. Cindy Conley had asked the Board to write a letter of support for the Illinois Visitors Bureau. Chairman Wooten explained that the bureau had submitted their annual application for funding to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and with that application a letter of support from each of the county's participating in the visitors bureau accompanied the grant application. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to write a letter of support, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Sheriff Doug Maier stated that he had advertised for fuel bids and had only received one bid from Wabash Valley Service Company. Chairman Wooten opened the bid and stated that Wabash Valley had submitted a firm price bid for twelve months and an open price bid for twelve months for premium unleaded gasoline. The open bid was \$1.49 and the firm bid was \$1.479. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to accept the firm bid price, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Sheriff Doug Maier stated that the Illinois Compiled Statutes allows the County to adopt a resolution that a medical or dental provider for city/county jail prisoners can only bill the County for the amount that would be billable to the Illinois Department of Public Aid. Sheriff Maier stated that he had spoke to the hospital about the impact that would have on their business and they stated it would definitely effect there income, but the county also had to worry about the impact it was having on the taxpayers. Mr. Ray stated that he was also concerned about the impact on the local hospital, but the County was also experiencing financial difficulties and this

was definitely an avenue the County could use to decrease expenditures. Sheriff Maier also stated that State's Attorney Kerry Sutton, on major medical claims of prisoners, was including that expenditure for medical services had to be reimbursed to the County along with their fines and cost. Mr. Ray made a motion to adopt a resolution that the medical providers could only bill White County the same amount billable to the Department of Public Aid, seconded by Trout. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the White County Board on the 9th day of March 2004, the following:

That the County Jail Act, 730 ILCS 125/17 requires the County to reimburse any hospital, physician or any other agency which provides medical services to inmates of the White County Jail and,

That 730 ILCS 125/17 further provides authority to a County Board by resolution or ordinance to provide for such reimbursements at the Department of Public Aid's rates for medical assistance and;

That said Department of Public Aid's rates are normally less than the usual rates charged for such services:

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the County Board of White County that pursuant to 730 ILCS of the County Jail Act, the County shall effective immediately, reimburse private hospitals, physicians, or other agency providing medical services to inmates of the White County Jail at the Department of Public Aid's rates for medical assistance, said rates to be determined by the Sheriff in consultation with the Illinois Department of Public Aid.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 2004.

ELECTED MEMBERS: FIVE
PRESENT: FIVE

RON WOOTEN: AYE
WAYNE NELSON: AYE
MIKE RAY: AYE
NANCY MITCHELL: AYE
WES TROUT: AYE

APPROVED by the Chairman of the Board of the County of White, State of Illinois, this 9th day of March 2004.

RON WOOTEN
CHAIRMAN, WHITE COUNTY BOARD

ATTEST:

PAULA DOZIER
COUNTY CLERK OF WHITE CO., IL.

The next meeting of the White County Board will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.